



"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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How Shall We Escape

If We Neglect So Great Salvation,"—*Heb. 2:3.*

MRS. B. H. CLARK

The word "neglect," used in the above text, would bear out the same meaning as "fail," in my opinion.

Now Paul says, "How shall we escape if we neglect (or fail)."

In 1 Peter 4:17 we find a scripture like this, "For the time has come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel?"

In 1 Tim. 3:15 Paul says, "The house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth."

Now if we Church of people neglect the gospel and fail to comply with the Word of God, what Paul says here will apply to us.

There are many ways to neglect. Timothy was warned not to neglect the gift that was in him, . . . with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery." There are many hungry hearts today needing the light of the true gospel, while many of you whom God has called, are lying around sleeping, saying, "I have no car, and no gas, my clothes are bad, etc." Brother, Sister, God said He would supply our needs according to His riches in glory. Why can't we take Him at His word? You are ready to say, "Oh, some one will laugh at me if I go walking in," or, "My clothes aren't just so so." My friend, they laughed at Je-

sus and we are no better than He was, are we? When God gave you the Holy Ghost you would have been willing to walk miles to spread the good news. Why can't we be just as eager today? Souls are going to torment by numbers, just because of neglect.

When God directs you to some little church, nearly every time the question is, "How are the tithes and financial part of the church?" If we would look to God for that part He would take care of it. That is His part of the business and our part is to go and preach Jesus to the people.

Paul said he was often in perils of water, in perils of robbers, in perils by his own countrymen, in perils by the heathen, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren, in weariness and painfulness, in watching often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness. He did not fail or neglect the work of God in any sense, and said he was ready to be offered up, and a crown was awaiting him in glory.

I've heard people say, "My hardest trial is to pay tithes or give in the offering." If these people would read the Word of God they would find that it plainly teaches us that this is only an act of obedience and not a trial. I wonder if they ever think of trial when they go to buy a hundred dollar coat or twenty-

five dollar dress or suit, using God's part with which to purchase them, then go and see some poor man or woman who can't dress that way and are ready to say, Looks like they would wear better clothes, not realizing they are holding God's part that He said give.

Jesus said in Luke 6:29, 30, "And unto him that smiteth thee on the one cheek offer also the other; and him that taketh away thy cloke forbid not to take thy coat also. Give to every man that asketh of thee; and of him that taketh away thy goods ask them not again."

It seems that in these closing days the spirit of giving and sacrificing should be our motto, for the same Jesus that went away shall so come again and if we are not ready we will not escape those awful times that are to be ushered in on the world. A little plant that is rooted in a pot and is not watered soon fadeth away. Corn and cotton that is not cultivated will bring no increase. The soul that sinneth it SHALL DIE.

You may say, Oh, we don't sin. We have just neglected. The Word says, "How shall we escape if we neglect." Neglect will lead to sin. Fail to pray and your soul grows lean. Neglect to go to church once or twice and see how hard the devil will make it the next time for you to get started.

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Notices

In answer to the inquiries concerning my work, "Around the World With the Gospel Light," I here give notice that the work had already been started at the time of my visit to Headquarters in the month of January, and it should be off the press very shortly. For several reasons that are justifiable, the publication has been delayed. I sent the manuscripts back from England in the month of June, 1937, but I was so busy in the midst of my other world-mission tour that I did not have time to put them up in proper form. That naturally involved more work, and the fact the Publishing House has been so busy it was not possible to get around to it sooner. I have had offers from a large publishing plant with interests on both sides of the sea wanting to make a book of my writings, but I felt I should give the work to our own people—being a Church of God man. The specifications call for a book, 9x12, printed on good paper with olive-green cloth binding stamped in gold. The volume will be quite large, having fifty chapters, seven of them dealing with the author's personal experiences leading up to conversion. Sandwiched between this and the world tour matter will be a collection of the author's most choice writings over a period of years and covering many subjects. There will be maps and about one hundred illustrations, picturing the scenes described in many lands afar. I am leaving all the arrangements to the Editor and Publisher, Brother S. W. Latimer. The publishers will have to be paid first, and should the writer receive any remuneration from the sales, he proposes to give 20 per cent to foreign missions. So you will be helping a worthy cause when you buy one of these books. Some have written wanting to take the agency. All prices, whether wholesale or retail, will be arranged by the publishers, in accordance to cost of publication. Brother Latimer will let you know through the Evangel in due time, but it might be well for those who desire to take the agency to write in a little ahead of time, so as to be sure of getting your order filled from the first edition.—Sincerely, J. H. Ingram.

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The Roanoke, Va. district convention will convene at Roanoke, April 22 beginning at 7:30 p. m. continuing through the 24th. All ministers of the district are asked to be present. We are urging that everyone be present, if possible. Pray that God will give us a great convention.—J. G. Houck, district overseer, Roanoke, Va., Gen. Del.

The Sunday School and Y. P. E. convention for the Manatee, Fla. district will be at Sarasota Church of God, East 13th, Sunday, April 17. The Sunday School program will be in the forenoon, Y. P. E. in the afternoon. Brother Byrd, state Sunday School superintendent, will be with us. The church here will start a revival Sunday night, Brother Byrd doing the preaching.—H. E. Stone, district Sunday School and Y. P. E. superintendent.

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For the next two weeks I am making a new forty-foot, round, gospel tent at a special price of \$135.00. This tent is new and will be made of eight-ounce waterproof khaki duck. The side walls will be a lighter material, waterproof. Tent is complete (no poles). That is all that will be necessary for you to have, the poles. Brother, this tent is well worth the money and will give the best of service. Can you imagine a new gospel tent for this low price? I can fill your order for any size or kind of tent that you would like to have. If you are interested, please write me at once. I will surely pay you to get in touch with me before you buy your tent. Write or wire to V. E. Hooks, 152 Orchard St., Richmond, Ky.

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There will be a home coming at the Church of God at Arcadia, Fla. on Easter Sunday. We expect to have an all-day service with dinner served on the grounds. We hope to have our state and district overseers with us. We are asking all our members to come and bring two dollars each to pay off the balance of the church indebtedness. Those who can't bring two dollars are requested to come anyway. If you can't come, please write a testimony to be read on that day. All our neighboring churches are cordially invited to attend.—B. L. Hicks, pastor, Arcadia, Fla.

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The Church of God at Winnsboro, S. C. is planning to begin a revival next month with Sister Helen L. Morrow in charge. Please pray that this will be a successful revival.—Lloyd Weed, clerk, Winnsboro, S. C.

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The Sylacauga, Ala. district convention will convene at Sylacauga Church of God, April 15-17. Our state overseer, Brother H. L. Whittington, will be in charge. — W. M. Wood, Sylacauga, Ala.

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Our next fellowship meeting will be at Lubbock, Tex., April 17 at 2:30 p. m. The church is located at 424 Avenue G, Lubbock, Tex. May 15 the fellowship meeting will be at Brownfield, Tex. June 17 the fellowship meeting will be at

Post, Tex. The church at Post, Tex. is on the highway, two blocks from the red light on Highway 84. The third Sunday in July the fellowship meeting will be back in Slaton, Tex. In case of rain the meeting will be the following Sunday. Pray much for the work here and may the Church rise and shine for Jesus.—A humble servant, Roy J. Young, pastor, Slaton, Tex.

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This is to certify that J. M. Harvell is no longer clerk at Lancaster, S. C. L. C. Horton has been elected in his place. His address is Lancaster, S. C., Gen. Del.—B. L. Smith, pastor, Lancaster, S. C.

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There will be a revival starting April 10 at Manns Choice, Pa. Brother Roland Verrico and workers will be with us. We ask an interest in your prayers that God will give us an old-time revival.—Your brother, A. L. Smith, Manns Choice, Pa.

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There will be a home coming at the Church of God at Williamsburg, Pa. April 10. Service will begin at 9:30 a. m. and close about 1:30 p. m. Our state overseer, Brother Staats, will be with us on this occasion. All nearby churches are invited to attend.—C. H. Shaw, Williamsburg, Pa.

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We are in the midst of an old-time revival at Williamsburg, Pa. which has been in progress one week. Bro. Roland Verrico and party are in charge of the revival. God surely is blessing. Help us pray that many souls will find the Lord.—C. H. Shaw, pastor.

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The Jellico, Tenn. district convention will convene at Jellico, Tenn. beginning April 29 at 7:00 p. m. and continue through Sunday night, May 1. All pastors be sure and be here with a good report and large delegation. All other ministers are invited. Let us make this the best district convention in the history of the district.—Chas. D. Foshee, district pastor, Jellico, Tenn.

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A revival started at Seneca, S. C. April 3. We hope the revival will continue through the 17th when we will have an all-day service, home coming, memorial service, mission rally and dinner on the ground. We will have the Lord's Supper and feet washing at the night service. Everybody come and bring a well-filled basket and victory in your soul. If you can sing or make music, be sure and come. Also be sure to pray for us that God will give us a wonderful revival.—J. C. Green, pastor, Seneca, S. C.

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To the ministers and members of the Church of God on the Stonefield, Miss. (Continued on page 14)

Youth and the Church

MRS. L. C. DAVIS

*"To every one there openeth
A way and ways and a Way,
And the high soul takes the high way
And the low soul takes the low;
And in between on the misty plains,
The rest drift to and fro;
But to every one there openeth
A high way and a low,
And every soul must decide
The way his soul shall go."*

—Author Unknown.

In discussing the subject "Youth and the Church," I would say the Church can be likened to the "high" way spoken of in the above poem, and to the youth the Church is a mighty challenge! It is the one institution in the world that is promised undying existence. Christ said: "Upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." Why, then, with a whole lifetime staring them in the face, should not youth choose to work for something that endures? Yet we find youth of today many times thinking that nothing but old "fogies" go to church, and that it is old-fashioned to read the Bible. They forget that one cannot even feel himself truly educated unless he is well-learned in the teachings of God's Word and knows something about the Church. We know that the Church could not long endure without the youth. In other words, the youth of today are the Church of tomorrow, and just as the youth are looking to the elders of the land for an example of right living, just so are the elders looking to the youth that they might find worthy subjects for their "mantle" to fall upon when they are gone. All through the ages this has been true.

Deut. 34:9 says: "And Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom: for Moses had laid his hands upon him.

In 2 Kings 2:15 we find these words: "The spirit of Elijah doth rest on Elisha."

If these men had not been God-fearing young men they could never have inherited the mantles of their predecessors, Moses and Elijah. Neither can the youth of today hope to be the Church of tomorrow unless they are willing to pay the price and live godly, Spirit-filled lives as Christ would have them. All through the Bible appeals are made to the youth.

Eccl. 12:1 says: "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have

no pleasure in them."

John says: "I have written unto you, young men, because ye are strong, and the word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the evil one."

And Paul, who was a young man when called to the ministry, in his charge to Timothy says: "Let no man despise thy youth: but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity."

When we recall that Christ was only thirty-three years of age at the time of His death, we know that His whole ministry was spent in his youth. Then, should we be ashamed to own Christ as our Redeemer in our youth? or wait until "the evil days come" before taking our place in the Church?

We know that the Church is having much competition in these days regarding the youth. The world is offering many allurements—shows to satisfy the lust of the eye, dances to satisfy the emotions, beer gardens to quench thirst, and cigarettes to deaden throbbing nerves—but what a picture on the other side! Jesus, who said: "Come unto me all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest," offers to the "poor in spirit" the "kingdom of heaven;" to those that mourn, "comfort;" to those that are "meek," an inheritance of the earth; to those that "hunger and thirst after righteousness," a "filling;" to the merciful, "mercy;" and to the "pure in heart," a look at God!

So in closing, let the creed of Howard Arnold Walter be the challenge of the Church to the youth:

"Be true," for there are those who trust you.

"Be pure," for there are those who care.

"Be strong," for there is much to suffer.

"Be brave," for there is much to dare.

"Be a friend to all"—"the poor," "the friendless."

"Give," "but forget the gift."

"Be humble," and remember your "weakness."

"Look up," and "laugh," and "love," and "lift."

Seeking the first place on the list of honor will put us in the least or lowest place, if on the list at all. Those who top the list in honor preferring one another get there by trying to put the other fellow there.

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June 9-12—Florida.

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June 16-19—West Virginia.

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July 1-3—Tennessee, Knoxville.

July 7-10—New Mexico.

July 7-10—Maryland.

July 14-17—Oklahoma.

July 14-17—Georgia.

July 21-24—Kansas.

July 21-24—Alabama.

July 28-31—Texas.

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August 4-7—Louisiana.

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Church of God, Williamsburg, Pa., over WFBG, Altoona, Pa., each Saturday afternoon from 2:00 until 2:30 p. m.—C. H. Shaw in charge.

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Purity and Growth

"Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; and to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; and to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity," 1 Peter 1:4-7.

This question has, for many years, been a subject of careful study. There are so many people that believe that sanctification is a growth in grace, but I am sure this is incorrect according to the scriptures. In spite of all the teachings on entire sanctification, it is still true that the overwhelming majority of Christians on earth are confounded in perfect cleansing and growth in grace. There are thousands who pray who have no definite aim in view. They do not press after immediate freedom from the hidden sin of their souls. Many of them have their minds off on an indefinite, gradual growth.

The deceitful notion of getting pure by growth is just like the fable of finding a bag of gold at the end of the rainbow. It is beyond their actual grasp. They get the thought of heart purity and spiritual maturity mixed up. If we would be clear in our search after truth we must distinguish between the eradication of the sin principle or the carnal mind or the old man from growth in grace. Purity is a subtraction of evil. But growth is an addition of grace. It seems that any one could see that these are just the opposite to each other.

We read, "Wherefore were given unto us exceeding great and precious promises that ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

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And besides this adding to our faith virtue; and to virtue, knowledge; and to knowledge, temperance; and to temperance, patience; and to patience, godliness; and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, charity." These blessings all come through growth in grace after we have been sanctified.

In our text Peter tells us, "That ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust." Here depravity is spoken of as remaining in believers or those who are born again. This is the hereditary corruption that was in our forefathers and came to us through our being born of earthly parents. This corruption is not moved by growth but by the work of the Holy Ghost through the blood of Jesus, and after this has been done then we have a glorious addition of growth in grace.

These graces are planted in the soul of the believer who receives sanctification through faith. After our cleansing they abound like an overflowing well. The work of cleansing deals with sin in the soul. The work of growth deals with the grace that is in the soul. Hence, purification and progress are in their effects different.

Two men are at work on a building. One is cleaning and clearing away the rubbish; the other one is beautifying the structure. Purification is wrought in the heart only by the power of God through the blood of His Son, by the Holy Ghost. It is positive trust in the divine virtues. But growth in grace is produced by the soul's active co-operation with the will of God.

The act of sanctifying the soul, making it holy, is never in scripture ascribed to good deeds nor means of growth, but ever to a divine act. He creates a clean heart; He washes whiter than snow. He says, "I will, be thou clean." The blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses from all sin, not development. It is an act of God's will through the sanctifying powers. But growth in grace, whether it be

before the cleansing or after, it is everywhere in scripture spoken of as a diligent and daily co-operation of the believer under the influence and power of the Holy Ghost, such as to watch and pray and be witnesses, to be diligent, to study to show ourselves approved unto God. To meditate in God's law night and day; to walk by faith.

We are purified only through faith, we grow in spiritual life by faith and works combined. "Thy faith hath made thee whole." Purifying their hearts by faith, the faith by which we receive the divine cleansing, is the very absence of all works; we quit all struggling, rest on the promise and LET GOD DO IT. But to progress in a holy life demands all the good works that flow from a living faith. The soul works vigorously in a state of holiness, but it can never work itself into a state of holiness. You can swim in the water, but you can not lie on dry ground and swim into the water; you can dream in sleep, but you can not dream yourself into sleep; you can breathe in this world, but you can not breathe yourself into this world. We enter purity by faith alone, we advance by faith and works combined.

The purification of the heart is wrought instantaneously; but growth in discernment and love is gradual. There are gradual steps by which we yield all to God, and reach the fountain of cleansing, and gradual steps of deeper knowing and loving after we enter, but the cleansing, the slaying the "old man," is instantaneous.

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What We Have to Give

"Such as I have give I thee," Acts 3:

6.

The cripple at the Beautiful Gate was healed in body, transformed in life, enriched to all eternity by what the Christians possessed and gave to him.

The gifts of the common people could supply food and clothing for the immediate needs of his body, but only that which the Christian possessed and imparted to him could transform his whole life and change his future destiny.

The gifts put into his beggar's cap were only temporary and only gave temporary relief; but the blessing brought by the Christians was for time and eternity. In this is an apt comparison of the things of time, and the things of eternity. Acceptance of Jesus prepares the soul for eternity as well as for time.

1. The Church possesses eternal life. All who accept Jesus Christ by believing in Him "have eternal life," John 3:15. Eternal life begins here. We have the things that belong to eternity now. The possessions of the Church are the eternal things. And this is what she deals out to the world. This is what Peter and John had "to give." It is what all true Christians possess now. It is our chief business in this brief probation, "to give" it to others.

2. The world to whom the Church is sent is in darkness. Any part of it that ever gets out of its darkness does so because of the light which the Christians give them. Jesus said, "I am the light of the world." Christians possess that light and no others. We must give it to them. They are hopelessly entangled in the darkness now and at the end of this earthly life will go out into a darkness that is infinitely worse, if we do not give them the light of life. What a tragedy that thousands have let their light go out instead of letting it shine to other darkened hearts in the world. If we do not trim it and let it shine it will go out and we will lose it.

3. The Church is sent to a diseased, sick world. It is pitiful to see the blind, the lame, the deformed, and those with pale, emaciated bodies in homes, in hospitals, on the streets, in cars and everywhere. But the moral sickness we see is a million times worse. The multitudes are literally destroyed by human pride, covetousness, thirst for pleasure, immorality, spiritual ignorance and other sins too numerous to mention. The

Church can give to them. That which we have they need. It was our remedy, it is theirs. It is the word of life—Jesus the Savior and healer of the world. It is their ONLY hope. We have the remedy, yes, but will we give it? We need give them nothing more, it is sufficient. It was all the cripple needed. After receiving this gift he could live the remnant of his earthly life in peace and then to all eternity.

4. The Church is called to minister and give to a lost world. Men are lost now; they know not the way whence they came or whither they go. They are entangled in their own ways, in their works and in their aims and purposes; they are ensnared and trapped; there is no way out, no way forward, no solution to their troubles, no answer to their cry.

But that which we may give them is the element they lack. Through Jesus they find themselves, the way and home. The Christian's comfort; the Christ, the Savior of the world, is their guide, their compass, their staff; without Him there is no way home—not one shall reach home without Him.

Then let those who will, espouse the cause of "the live questions of the day"—better government, economics, human progress, etc.—but let US, who have bread, "give them to eat."

There is the great field of sinners, unsaved men and women, in the world. We can give them the word of life mixed with love, prayer and faith. There are thousands of Christians who need strengthening. We can give them a loaf with sympathy and cheer. There are sick and suffering and needy ones to whom we can minister and give of "our stock." By being faithful witnesses, letting our lights shine everywhere, we can give a little here and there. And the more we give the more we will have for our own need and the greater our ingathering at the great harvest day.

More Terrible Than Leprosy

Drug addiction is far more tragic than leprosy, more incurable and more apt to spread from one victim to another.

Two thousand addicts can be created with one ounce of heroin; 80,000 ounces were used in New York City last year, while sixty per cent of all the criminals of the city were addicts, and most of them were in their "teens."

If your radio should broadcast today the following item—"one million lepers

are walking the streets of our cities" what horror would run through every community, and what an effort we would make to segregate them! But an addict is worse than a leper.

How shall we protect our own loved ones? Our innocent children? Quoting from a recent report submitted by one of our senators:

(a) Teach them to be suspicious of every kind of secret amusement of underhand entertainment.

(b) Create within their minds a horror and fear of drug addiction. You have taught them to fear rattlesnakes, and carbolic acid, and fire, do the same with this harmless looking dope.

(c) Foster a confidence in their parents and encourage a free discussion of each day's events at home each evening.

(d) To refuse to do a thing is a brave, not a cowardly act if the thing is at all questionable.

PRAYER AS AN EFFECTIVE REMEDY

God's people must pray, definitely and continuously! The death angel is again abroad in the land, and we must place our homes under the unfailing protection of the blood of the Lamb of God, as did the Israelites of old.

Thank God! There is hope for the hopeless in Christ! In Him even the victims of the product of the white poppy fields find full and free deliverance! Even medical science has had to confess that Jesus Christ is the drug addict's only hope.

Captain Richmond Pearson Hobson (whose work is so warmly endorsed by the President of the United States) says:

"Medical men now consider addiction, regarding possibility of a cure, in a class with cancer and leprosy. Religious conversion, effecting profound physiological and psychological changes, now is considered the advanced addicts' only hope of freedom. The grace of God provides the impulse that sends the blood current back into the upper brain to restore destroyed tissue."

Dr. Lillian B. Yeomans, of Lansing, says:

"In answer to prayer in the name of Jesus I have been delivered from the addiction so that I have never been able to think of any use for morphine, since, excepting to throw it down the sink. I have no more craving for it than for Rough on Rats."

1. The Cause is Ignorance.

2. The Effect is Misery.

3. The Cure is the precious Blood of Jesus Christ.—*Publisher Unknown.*

No one can shine in this world, holding forth the Word of life, unless he lives in touch with God in the secret place of prayer and communion.

News from the Mission Field

ZENO C. THARP, Secretary, Mission Board

FOREIGN MISSION BRIEFS

By J. H. INGRAM

Sailing from Jamaica we took passage on the S. S. "Costa Rica" going to Panama via Havana, Cuba, and Port Limon, Costa Rica. It took eight days for the crossing of the Caribbean Sea, including a stop of two days and a night in Costa Rica. During my Latin-American mission tour in 1935 we set a small church in order at Port Limon. The Lord got hold of a Salvation Army woman and a Church of England lay-preacher and baptized them with the Holy Ghost. The Anglican brother built us a small church there and considerable interest was being manifested, but unless we can have a missionary there from the States to take charge, I fear we will be unable to carry on the work properly, and may be forced to relinquish our hold in that field. With the exchange so much in favor of the dollar, living expenses are quite reasonable there. Spanish is the official language of Costa Rica, but our mission is among the English-speaking, West Indian, colored people, there being a large percentage of them in Port Limon.

PANAMA

Arriving in Panama I had two days to wait on the next ship and was able to visit both of our missions. The Dutch boat was about six hours late in getting to Cristobal, and I missed the morning, and also the noon train going to Panama City on the Pacific side, but by taking the plane we flew across in time to meet our mission worker, Brother Boliver De Souza, and talk over the work before meeting. We had a wonderful meeting with a record crowd present. It looks as though we are going to need larger quarters if the interest keeps up. One U. S. navy man, a radio operator, who has been baptized with the Holy Ghost and called to the ministry, is rendering valuable service. The meetings are conducted in Spanish and English. Returning to Cristobal by train next day, we had another blessed time in the Lord at the mission in Colon. The work there is in charge of Brother J. N. Cumberbatch. Panama seems to be a ripe field for the full gospel. Another kindred movement of the Pentecostal faith has established a large number of churches there with a combined membership of about 4,000 within a comparative short time. Both of our men on the field have to work with their hands and give their spare time to the mission as a love serv-

ice. Being confined to manual labor hinders both of these promising workers from launching out as they should like to.

I sailed from Panama on the M. S. "Caribia" of the Hamberg American Line for Puerto Barrios, Guatemala, passing Port Limon, Costa Rica, again en route. The "Caribia" was the ship that brought me through the Spanish war zone in 1936 returning from my first world-tour. The Germans were very, very nice to me, even renewed an old ticket—unused portion—that had expired nearly two years ago. This was a great saving and highly appreciated. The band was on deck playing as we sailed from the dock in Cristobal, while the shades of night were falling thickly about us enveloping the Caribbean in darkness. Since the war spirit is so prevalent in the earth, Panama has witnessed much activity on these lines of late. As the old "Caribia" slid out from her berth, a large German warship had just docked near by and a fleet of U. S. navy war planes were maneuvering overhead, dropping small parachutes to which were attached huge flares that lighted up the scene with, almost, the brilliancy of the noon-day sun. There were also huge searchlights brought into play, searching out "the enemy" planes with great fingers of fog, and cloud-piercing light piercing the semi-darkness of the night to a distance of several miles. It was rather thrilling and I could once again picture myself back in the China war zone at Shanghai.

SOUTH AMERICA

While in Panama I met a very prominent missionary and doctor—of medicine—whose name I am withholding, at his request. The brother in question was a Baptist minister, formerly, and a native of New Zealand. While praying on a mountain side in far-away Australia some twenty-odd years ago, he was baptized with the Holy Ghost according to the pattern in the Acts of the Apostles, chapter two, verse four, etc. After receiving this wonderful experience, he sailed for Bolivia in South America, where he married a missionary on the field and spent seventeen years in building up a wonderful work for God. They were up in the Andes mountains about 10,000 feet above the level of the sea, practically lost to the rest of the world, as they ministered to the semi-savage, Inca Indian tribes. They soon mastered the Spanish and also the native dialect and worked there practically un-

known to the rest of the religious world. They were able to establish several schools and seven churches were organized, each mission holding valuable landed property, the largest tract containing eighty-one square miles of territory. There were rich farm lands opened to agriculture, with the Indians being taught the art of farming, cattle raising, fruit growing, etc. Then on top of it all, rich mines were opened up and they were able to pull through the world-financial crisis unscathed, so to speak. Unestimable riches coming into the work from natural sources—a great gift from God! Then his wife died, and with only one other white man, a bachelor, in the entire region, and with no children left to him, he worried, became sick and discouraged, and decided to come to America, the former home of his wife, for a little rest and recreation. During the time he sought for some reliable body to which he could turn over the work and property. I had a meeting scheduled to talk over our program with him, having in mind the possibilities of taking on the mission. However, he had already arranged with another society in Canada, who were relieving him temporarily at least, though there may be a change for us later if any changes are necessary. The difficulty with the evangelical body in Canada is, they are not Pentecostal in faith and practice, though a very godly people, judging from all reports. Don't you think we are just a bit too slow in getting around over the world with the message of the day?

GUATEMALA

Arriving in Guatemala, we had a two-day trip from the port of entry, traveling by train and bus, to reach our mission headquarters in Totonicapan. We received a royal welcome from our missionaries—Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Furman—and the native brethren. We launched into the work immediately and God is meeting with us at every place. On March 18, we were called to Chuachituj for the purpose of dedicating a new church built by our Indian believers. This is a new meeting place and we hope to have a church established later on. These people come into a place with a view of establishing themselves permanently, which often requires a lot of faith; and they certainly are workers, rarely ever begging or asking for outside help from any source. Our work is largely carried on among the Quiche Indians, who are direct descendants of the great Maya races, who enjoyed a civilization—in many respects greater than ours—that antedates present-day history by hundreds of years. Their ruined cities of hewn stone, with fancy carvings are being unearthed to this day, and

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Testimonies

PRAISE HIM FOR HIS HEALING POWER

BRANFORD, Fla.—Dear readers, I praise the Lord for His love to me. I thank Him for His wonderful keeping power and guiding hand that guides me each day of the year. About three years ago the Lord wonderfully saved, sanctified and filled me with the precious Holy Ghost.

When I was about three years old I took diphtheria. It looked like I would die. I could hardly keep breathing and was about to choke to death. My father had gone to church on Tuesday night to ask special prayer for me. My mother saw that if God didn't undertake I was going to die. My fever was very high. She prayed for me and God sent down His wonderful healing power. Praise the Lord! I was breathing as good as anyone when she opened her eyes and quit praying. I hadn't been sleeping any but I went to sleep then and didn't wake up until the next morning. The doctors couldn't understand it as they knew how sick I was. I know it was nothing but God or I wouldn't have lived.

The Lord also healed me when I was about five years old. I fell out of a car and it knocked me unconscious. Oh, how I thank the Lord for His wonderful healing and keeping power.

I am only fourteen years old and I desire the prayers of all the Christians as I realize I need a closer walk with Jesus. I want my life to be my brightest testimony to this world of sinners. I am the only girl of my age who has salvation at Branford. Please pray for me.—Lois Swails.

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BROKEN ARMS HEALED

THOMASVILLE, Ala.—Dear saints, the Lord has wonderfully blessed in our home for which we give Him all the praise.

Three weeks ago I fell and broke my arms. The doctor was called and he told me that I would not do any work this coming summer. He told me that I might be able to use my hands in three months if I got along well. But, praise God, we held on to God. Our pastor, Brother Hunt, and a few of the faithful saints gathered in and we prayed until God came on the scene. He wonderfully healed my arms. Bless His good name. The doctor was called back. The third day he removed all the bandages and left them off and told me to use my arms all I could. I have been hoeing in my garden.

My right arm is still stiff in my el-

bow. Pray that the Lord will give me complete healing. Pray for our home that we will stay humble and faithful.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. J. M. Vice.

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MOORESVILLE, N. C.—Dear saints, the Lord is a real friend to me. A little over seven years ago He saved me and added me to the Church of God, which I love so much. Then He sanctified me. Oh, that joy I will never forget. Then He gave me the Holy Ghost. Thank the Lord. He, the Holy Ghost, has given me overcoming power in many a trial. Thank the Lord, for what He means to me just now.

I had suffered two or three years with stomach trouble. The doctor told me that medicine would not cure it and he said if it would he would gladly give it to me, but it wouldn't. So I wrote Brother L. G. Rouse a letter and sent him a handkerchief. He anointed the handkerchief and sent it back. That was about a year ago and I haven't had a spell with my stomach since. Thank the Lord.

Oh, the joy He gives me in reading the Bible and Evangel. Brother and sister, pray for me that I will stand true.—W. M. Smith, R. F. D. 2.

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LaGRANGE, Ga.—We are glad to report a wonderful healing service which God gave us at our church March 4. Brother L. G. Rouse held a service and several healings took place. The greatest one was at the home of Brother Fuller before service, where our dear Sister Ruth Fuller was healed of T. B. and she came to service shouting the victory. She is still wonderfully healed by the great power of God. Another wonderful healing was Sister Estelle Ables who was saved and healed of appendicitis and weak eyes. Several other great healings were wrought through Brother Rouse. We desire the prayers of all for the church in LaGrange, Ga.—A brother, W. L. Holden, 1013 Washington St.

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WELCH, W. Va.—Dear ones, sometime ago many of you responded to the request I published in the Evangel, asking for old Evangel and Lighted Pathways to distribute in hospitals here in Welch, W. Va. Many thanks to you who have been so kind to send the many different kinds of Christian papers. I appreciate it so much. May God bless everyone. May I ask that you send me more of them?—anything in the line of Christian papers except Sunday School books. I don't think they would be as interesting as the other literature.

The last time I wrote to the Evangel I requested prayer for my husband to be saved. I made mention that I was ready and willing for God to take my life, if

necessary, if that would cause my husband to be saved. I didn't have to give my life but I was willing to do it and God knew it. The day after I sent the request in my husband was saved. Thank God! It's wonderful what God can do when we get willing.

Please pray for God to save my boy and girl. Pray for me, I am in God's hands to do His will at all times. I need your prayers for God to make me a never-fearing soldier of the cross.—Mrs. Louise Markland, 426 McDowell St.

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NICHOLS, Ga.—I truly praise God for old-time religion. I praise Him for His great healing power. Last summer God wonderfully healed me. I got badly burned. I had prayer for my burns but God did not heal me right then. On the third day my fever rose and I was in much misery. My husband and children went to service. After service a crowd of the saints of God came in and began to call on God. The power began to fall. They laid their hands on me according to the Bible, Mark 16:18 and the healing power of God ran through my body, completely healed my burn, took every bit of soreness and fever out and I couldn't tell I had been burned.

I praise the Lord for healing my little boy of fits. God is the same yesterday, today and forever. He is still blessing and healing. Pray for me and my family that we will get more of God's love and power and be ready when He comes or calls.—Grace Abbott.

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IRON CITY, Ga.—I praise God tonight for saving, sanctifying and filling me with the Holy Ghost. We have been saved two months and I have seen more pleasure in those two months than all my past life. Thank God for it all. Pray that I will always stay in the center of His will. My husband and I have just been received into the dear Church of God. We desire your prayers. I would like to be doing something for the Lord when He comes.—A sister in Christ, Zorah Long.

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YORK, S. C.—I praise God for what He means to me. I am still saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost.

I praise Him for the healing of my body. I sent in a request to the Evangel some time ago, for prayer for the healing of my body and I know the saints of God prayed for me because I'm healed of a disease that I had ever since I was a child and I haven't taken any medicine in a long, long time. God has power to heal if we only have faith. Praise His good name. Pray for me that I'll ever stay in God's will.—Mrs. Henry B. Propst.

BRIEF REPORTS

FROM THE FIELD

We set a new church in order at Stone Creek, Va. with ten members Saturday night and Sunday night I took in three more, making a total of thirteen members for our new church. Almost every service night some cannot get in the church for the crowd. Brother L. M. Justice, our district overseer, set the church in order. The writer ran the revival three weeks and Brother Justice two weeks in this new building. The people who built it have given a contract to deed it to the Church of God. Thank the Lord for answering prayer. The clerk's name for the new church is Vella Dotson, St. Charles, Va.—J. W. Leslie, pastor, Rt. 1, Box 142, Pennington Gap, Va.

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GRAND TURK, B. W. I.—Dear saints, I am here in Grand Turk. Souls are being saved in other churches by our teaching them the Church of God doctrine. I can only go and pray in their homes because we have no Church of God building. The Baptist people have asked me to help them, to teach them. Please help me pray for them. Pray for me to win this people. If we never get a church building here there are many Church of God people in Grand Turk who believe in the blood of Jesus.

I thank God for America, for her people who caused me to be awake to the place I am. I praise God for the good Church of God Evangel which builds me up. I am poor, with no one to provide for me but God. I cannot travel far because it is expensive to sail and I have no money. Pray for me to get to go again soon. I have plenty to do here but I long to go still.—Sarah E. Tucker.

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SPRUCE PINE, N. C.—I praise the Lord for victory and a determination to go all the way. Although at times the way looks dark, yet the Lord says He will make a way for our escape, and we know His Word is true. Praise His name.

The Lord is blessing at Estatoe. We had a wonderful meeting Sunday and Sunday night. It is a sad mistake when you think the Church of God is going down at Estatoe. It isn't going down, but it is going up some day. Saints, please pray for me that I will stand true to the end, and pray for my lost people that they will give their hearts to the Lord before it is too late.—Lula Atkins.

ENID, Okla.—This church will be one year old July 18, 1938. We were made to rejoice with the ten members who took up the fight for right about a year ago and who have worked faithfully. Thanks to God, we have not lost a single member of our body. One has been transplanted but Jesus let her live eighty years. Some of you will remember her, Christina Robbins. Through her prayers and others—Brother and Sister Wood, Brother G. M. Bloomingdale and wife, Brother P. D. Hoggatt and wife, Brother P. C. Sharp and wife and the whole-hearted co-operation of the local body, we have doubled our membership.

Brother O. I. Baney and family are credited with the last additions to the church. They started with us Jan. 30 and worked without doubting for five weeks. God with them did mighty works for which we are glad. We especially feel it our duty to persuade the churches to hear their messages and to rejoice in their good singing. We have Jesus but we covet your prayers for increase.—Frank H. Dance and wife, 406 E. Maple.

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To our brothers, sisters and many friends scattered abroad, greetings. We are glad to report victory through Him who doeth all things well. The work in our field of labor (Oregon) is moving along nicely, for which we thank the Lord.

Since coming to the extreme Northwest we have had the good pleasure of setting three churches in order, also our Brother S. M. Pearson set one in order at Portland, Ore., making a total of four. When we came here, as many know, there was not a Church of God in the entire Pacific Northwest, which includes Idaho, Washington, and Oregon. Now, within the boundaries of the three states, there are seven churches. The churches in Oregon are located as follows: Salem, the capital city, Portland, Prineville, and Freewater.

We were happy to have our Assistant General Overseer, Brother R. P. Johnson, with us this year in our convention work. His good messages and fatherly advice were very much appreciated by all who attended. The prospects are good for a great work for the Church of God in this territory, and we have a great desire to see her go by leaps and bounds. Remember we need your prayers daily.—Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Milam, Freewater,

Ore.

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Dear readers, I praise God for victory just now. I thank God for the way He is blessing out here at Mt. Zion. We haven't a church building yet but we have cottage prayer meetings and God is wonderfully blessing. Five have received the Holy Ghost and others are looking this way. Thank God! We are trying to build a church house. Please pray for God to have His way and we will soon have a church in which to worship.

I thank God for our good pastor and his wife and children, Brother and Sister Floyd and family. They are so humble. Pray that God will bless his efforts and the work will grow at this place. We just can't thank God enough for our beloved state overseer, Brother Clyde Cox. He visited the church at Forest and brought us some wonderful messages that put victory in our souls.

I truly praise God for His healing power. He has healed me and my family of some severe sicknesses. Glory to God. My membership is at Kentwood, La. You readers there please write to the Evangel, I would like to hear from you.

Dear saints, pray for me that I will be humble and make the last mile of the way faithfully. Pray for my husband and children who are in sin, that God will save them before it is too late. Also pray for my dad, he is in a bad condition. Pray that God will heal him and save his soul.—A sister in Christ, Mable Patterson, Oak Grove, La., Rt. 3, c/o R. W. Collum.

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GRAND TURKS IS., B. W. I.—Dear saints, I am gaining deeper depths and higher heights and I am encouraged to go on. The church here is getting on fine, we can see where we are gaining every day. My visit to Blue Hills gave me joy. I had a good passage going there but coming back I was in a little trouble. Our little boat sank, but only in shallow water, so we bailed it out and sailed on. When I reached home I opened my suitcase and my clothes were wet but my Bible edge was just damp. I wondered how that happened, but I gave God the glory and He gave us the victory. Now I am at home again, waiting on the general missionary, hoping that he will pass here before ending his trip. Pray for me, dear saints, and may the richest blessings be yours for the kind gifts and helps you send me. Many, many thanks to all.—A. W. Rigby, overseer.

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WARREN, Ohio.—God is still blessing us here. Praise the Lord. We are glad to report that we won the district banner twice in succession. We held a rally March 13 with good attendance and we

had some visitors for which we praise the Lord. We had some very interesting talks on Sunday School. Brother Pate, the pastor at Struthers, also our district Sunday School superintendent, gave us a fine talk on Sunday School, also Brother R. C. Muncy, the district overseer, gave us some fine thoughts about Sunday School which we enjoyed. Reports of the Sunday Schools were given. We had some very good special music and the Lord came down in a wonderful way and encouraged us to press on. We believe the rally was pleasing to the Lord and a help to our district. Pray for us here at Warren and visit us when you can.—Mrs. Hazel Irby.

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ROCHESTER, Pa.—Dear saints, just a word or two about our little mission in Monaca. It is now a month and four days since we opened the mission and, praise God, He is with us. Several souls have found Jesus and we are happy to report good services. Of course we have had Satan's works to contend with but by God's grace we mean to carry on for Jesus.

Brothers Roland Verrico and Walter Skutar were with us for a month and we had some real messages from God. Brothers Roland Verrico, Walter Skutar and Frank Petruccelli all preached and God's presence was there. Brothers Verrico and Skutar have gone to Williamsburg to hold a revival for Brother Shaw. Pray for them. Also pray for Brother Frank Petruccelli who is holding the fort here in Monaca. Truly we need the prayers of all the saints who want the work to go on.

The Spirit of God seems to be drawing a lot of young men. Saints pray that God's Spirit may have right of way in these hearts. We are expecting God to break through and claim some of these souls for His glory.—Mrs. Sophia Petruccelli, clerk, 481 Harmony Ave.

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STONE BRANCH, W. Va.—I praise the Lord because the love of Jesus abides in my soul. I am determined by the grace of God to press on for Jesus.

I am a member of the Y. P. E. We have sixty-one on roll. We have wonderful programs. Please pray for our success.—Mrs. Ollie Bledsoe, president.

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GARNER, Tex.—Dear saints, please pray for our little church at Advance. All the members have moved away but five and some of them do not even come to church. It seems like the devil has the biggest hold on the people in these last days. Just two members are interested in the little church and the people who live close had rather go to a party or visiting than to be in church or Sunday School.

Brother Ed Hull held us a ten days' meeting, and oh, how the Lord did bless. One sister got under the power of God and gave out the sweetest message. Boys and girls fell in the altar and prayed back to victory. We love Brother and Sister Hull. I think we will get them for our pastor. If we had a pastor we would soon build our work up. There are but few members left and we are not able to support a pastor and keep his family living, but we are willing to go as far as we can for one. Pray much for the Lord to send some one this way.—Mrs. Eddie Dumis, Rt. 1.

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N. LITTLE ROCK, Ark.—We don't belong to the Church of God but we are enjoying the excellent fellowship of your state overseer, Brother Odus Smith. Brother Smith has been helping us in a great battle for the Lord. There have been thirty-five or more souls saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost. We have learned to love our Brother Smith because of his sweet and humble spirit. He has been a blessing to us and our church. We are certainly glad that the Lord sent Brother Smith our way. We expect to keep this battle on until Easter Sunday, after which we will have a water baptismal service.

We sincerely desire the prayers of all the praying people that the Lord will continue to bless us and save the poor lost souls of the world.—J. D. Hardcastle, pastor, Full Gospel Church, Southern Hotel, 519 E. Washington Ave.

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ALARKA, N. C.—For the past three years Brother N. M. Jones has labored with us in the gospel. He was faithful and strove, by the help of the Lord, to feed our little flock. Our church seemed almost on the rocks when the Lord sent Brother Jones to us. Through his faithful efforts and the earnest prayers of the faithful saints at this place the Lord blessed and added new and strong members to our little body. May God bless and help him.

Brother Tom Willix is our pastor this year. He and Sister Willix are dear, humble people and we love them and their faithful efforts to guide our little church in the way of holiness. We need your prayers, dear saints, that we may overcome and defeat the devil at this place. We are burdened and need a good revival and an outpouring of God's wonderful Spirit upon us.

I have just recently received the good Holy Ghost. Our little home is a happy one. My husband is filled with the Holy Ghost. God has blessed us wonderfully and provided for our daily needs. Pray earnestly that we may be overcomers in Jesus' dear name and that we may train our little child for God's service.—Sister

Wilma Parris.

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GRASONVILLE, Md.—God is blessing wonderfully at Denton and Grasonville, Md. I came here after the Assembly and started fighting the devil. The Holy Ghost takes charge sometimes, the power is falling. People are waking out of spiritual sleepiness. Brother Edwin Tull, his wife and brother have just closed a splendid revival here at Grasonville. We are trying to get a building permit at Denton, Md. to build a Church of God church. Please pray that God will move upon the mayor's heart. We have a good band of people there. We are raising money now to pay for our lot.

We have wired our church at Grasonville, which cost \$55.00, paid \$100.00 on the church with \$21.00 interest. We have had the Y. P. E. banner. We have some splendid Church of God folks here. We praise the dear Lord for the way He is blessing at these two works. Please pray for us, there have been nine saved, six sanctified, nine filled with the Holy Ghost and eight added to the church.—Floyd A. Boger, R. F. D. 1.

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DALTON, Ga.—Our new church house is going up rapidly. It is all floored, roofed and they are now ceiling and finishing the inside. It is certainly going to be a nice building and we hope to have it completed some time next month. We are expecting to have the Dalton district convention in it April 29-May 1. We extend to you an invitation to attend. Please pray for us that God will give us enough money to pay for it at an early date.

Brother T. C. Franklin conducted a good revival here in January. Six were saved and sanctified, four filled with the Holy Ghost and two added to the church. God blessed the church too and all enjoyed the good services. Brother Franklin is a fine preacher. — Your brother in Christ, J. A. Bixler, pastor, 71 Jones St. * * *

COLUMBUS, Miss.—I am happy to report victory. We are now building a new Church of God, size 34x50, in the beautiful city of Columbus, Miss. I am glad Mississippi is getting on the firing line for God. We are trusting God. Pray for us, help us have faith. Your prayers have helped in making this possible.

Saints, you away out there where there is no church, begin praying, get a prayer meeting, Sunday School or brush arbor, get souls saved. If you are backslid you know how to get back, draw nigh to God, He will draw nigh to you. Pray and work. I don't think we will have long to work. Pray the clouds away, fully trust God. The God of heaven will make some old Jonah sick and he

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REVIVALS

MONROE, La.—Some time ago we stated that if you would pray for us we would grow and glow for the Lord. Today we feel like we are truly going, growing and glowing for God. The good gospel light is surely shining here now. We have just closed what was said to be the best revival ever had in Monroe church. The preaching was done by the Holy Ghost through Brother Clyde C. Cox, our state overseer. Twenty were saved, thirteen sanctified, nine baptized with the Holy Ghost and fourteen came in the church, also one backslider was reclaimed. The last night was the best; the Holy Ghost fell on one in the congregation. We closed with about fifteen in the altar. Some may say this is not much of a report but to those who know Monroe, it is something to praise God for. There hadn't been a revival here in two years or more. I also praise the Lord for our Sunday School which has doubled since we came here in November. Pray for us that we may stay in the will of God and let our light shine.—Humbly, John D. Carter, pastor, Box 294.

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GAINESVILLE, Ga.—I praise the Lord for the way He is blessing our little Church of God at Gainesville. We just closed a two weeks' revival March 13. Five received the Holy Ghost, seven were sanctified, twenty-two saved. Our pastor, Brother Duckett, did the preaching. Many souls were blessed. We had good attendance and behavior during the revival. We thank God for our pastor. Our Sunday School is improving all the time and the church in general is being revived. Three were added to the church. Pray much for us here that God will continue to bless.—G. E. Williams, clerk, Rt. 3.

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LAMESA, Tex.—We stopped by just to visit the church and the saints wanted us to have services a few nights, as the pastor was away. The dear Lord began to bless and work in a mighty way. Souls began to seek God. We stayed there two weeks and thirteen were saved, five sanctified and six filled with the Holy Ghost. Pray for the little church there. We have been in New Mexico and Texas evangelizing but are back in Oklahoma. Anyone wishing us for a revival, please write us at this address.—Calvin J. Rodgers, evangelist, Duncan, Okla., Rt. 4, c/o C. C. Rogers.

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WARE SHOALS, S. C. — We have just closed a three weeks' revival at Ware Shoals with Brother Frank Patter-

son of Clinton, S. C. in charge. God blessed in a wonderful way. Twenty-one were saved, seventeen sanctified, twenty filled with the Holy Ghost and twenty-two added to the church. Why shouldn't we be happy? We enjoyed having Brother Patterson with us. May God help and bless him and his family in whatever he may undertake, is our prayer.

We also love and appreciate our pastor and his wife, Brother and Sister H. L. Hunt. They are doing a wonderful work here. We have a good number in Sunday School. By God's help we are planning to enlarge our church building. Saints, please pray for us that God will continue to bless us here. I also have an unspoken request; pray that God will grant in due time.—Brother Roy Freeman, clerk.

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MARFRANCE, W. Va.—The Church of God at Marfrance has closed a successful revival conducted by Brother Garland Smith. Sixteen were saved, nine sanctified, eight filled with the Holy Ghost and twelve added to the church. The revival closed with eighteen at the altar. We have been having good cottage prayer meetings, three having received the baptism of the Holy Ghost since the revival closed.—Lillie Nestor, clerk.

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CAMBRIDGE, Md.—I praise God for the way He is blessing the Church of God at Cambridge. We thank the Lord for our good pastor and his wife, Brother and Sister H. L. Sorrow, who have been such a blessing to the church this year. We have just closed a four weeks' revival and the Lord surely did bless. Brother J. M. Snyder was the evangelist and he preached some soul-stirring messages which reached the hearts of the people. Seventeen were saved, nine filled with the Holy Ghost and eight added to the church, for which we praise the Lord. We are expecting to have another revival in the near future. We ask an interest in the prayers of all the saints that God may continue to bless and help us hold high the blood-stained banner of Jesus.—Marie P. Ruark.

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NEWVILLE, Pa. — We have just closed a nine weeks' revival here. The Lord truly blessed in a wonderful way. Eight were sanctified, two filled with the Holy Ghost and four added to the church. Sister Lyter of Harrisburg, Pa. preached the first four weeks and Sister Nona Dame of Sesser, Ill. preached the last five weeks. We had some wonderful Holy Ghost messages. One of our sisters who had a cancer was prayed for and healed. She got up from her bed the same day and was able to be in services the

next week. Pray much for us that God will keep us true and ready for His coming.—Mrs. Elsie Shenk, clerk, Carlisle, Pa.

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WALHALLA, S. C.—We, the Walhalla Church of God No. 2, praise the Lord for a glorious revival. Brothers Frank Rochester and J. B. Eads did the preaching. Seven were saved, four sanctified, four filled with the Holy Ghost and one added to the church. The church was built up spiritually. We praise God for the people of the Walhalla church No. 2. We covet the prayers of the readers that God will give us a glorious year.—J. W. Watkins.

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HARTWELL, W. Va.—I am glad to report the good revival which has just closed here at Hartwell. Our good pastor, Brother G. G. Williams, of War, began the revival Feb. 22 and said maybe the Lord would send a preacher this way. The Lord knew our need and sent Brother J. R. West of Louisa, Ky. Brother West preached sermons that really stirred the minds of the many backsliders. God blessed in a wonderful way. Six were reclaimed, one sanctified and three filled with the Holy Ghost.

In our Y. P. E. recently God blessed in a mighty way. It seems as if the revival spirit is still here and people are under conviction. We desire your prayers that we will rise and shine. The saints have a greater zeal to press forward and do something for Jesus. Pray for me that I will be drawn closer and press on until Jesus comes or calls me away.—Miss Helen Lockhart, clerk.

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HENNING, Tenn.—Dear readers, pray for us at Beasleys Chapel. The Lord is still blessing. We just closed a week's revival with Brother B. H. Jernigan in charge. The church is revived. We thank the Lord for Brother Jernigan. He has started out in the work and is standing for the Word, so pray that he will press onward with the Word, and pray for me that I will stay in the center of God's will. We thank the Lord for our good pastor, Brother O. D. Springer, and his wife.—W. C. Brown, Rt. 2.

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MANATEE, Fla.—I thank the Lord for a priceless revival which just closed March 13. Four were filled with the Holy Ghost, one sanctified, one saved and the church at large revived. It is wonderful what God can do for us if we will let Him. We also thank the Lord for Brother and Sister Self; they have meant much to the church at Manatee. We desire the prayers of all that we may hold out faithful.—Mae Belle (Cummings) Lynn. 1408 Manatee Ave.

WADESBORO, N. C.—I praise the Lord for victory. We have had a wonderful revival here. We had Brother and Sister T. J. Looney of High Shoals, N. C. They are true Christians, and the Lord surely did bless. The saints here were all stirred wonderfully. Twenty-four were saved, twenty sanctified, nineteen baptized with the Holy Ghost and twenty added to the church. Praise the Lord. The saints here are of one accord and the work is going on nicely. Pray for us that we will continue to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord.—John H. Shaver, clerk.

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JOHNSON CITY, Tenn.—We are glad to report a very successful three weeks' revival here in Johnson City. Brother Clyde Peek of Marion, N. C. did the preaching. Seventeen were saved, thirteen sanctified, eight filled with the Holy Ghost and five added to the church. The saints were wonderfully revived with greater courage and zeal to press onward and upward in the work of the Lord. Brother Peek's messages were timely and anointed each night. The Lord set His approval upon them with the demonstration of the Holy Ghost. The work here is growing by leaps and bounds. We had 279 in Sunday School. We also have a fine Y. P. E. We praise God for His blessings.—Mrs. S. L. Wallace, Gen. Del.

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SHREWSBURY, W. Va.—A three weeks' revival has just been closed here, conducted by Evangelist Paul Ross. The Lord wonderfully blessed. Eighteen were saved, five filled with the Holy Ghost, a goodly number sanctified and the saints wonderfully uplifted. Our church is progressing very nicely. The Sunday School attendance has increased from forty-five to ninety.

We, the young people, want the saints to pray that God will give us a Y. P. E. which will be a blessing to us and the church.—Beulah Lane, Box 76.

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NEW ORLEANS, La.—At this writing we are in a battle for God and His Church near the center of this great cosmopolitan city of 400,000 souls. People from every Pentecostal movement in the city are coming, inquiring the way of Zion. One has received the Holy Ghost, others are seeking Him. Pray that God will give us an outpouring of His Spirit in a great way in this wicked city.

Brother W. F. Ainsworth, the pastor, is doing a great work here, with his big heart of love and understanding. Truly he is gaining ground for God's Church. He has already proved a great blessing to many half-starved saints who have been deprived of God's truth and lodg-

ing place for their souls and still they come. Pray much for New Orleans church, she is rising with healing in her wings.—Homer C. Smith, evangelist.

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STATESVILLE, N. C. — We praise God for the great revival He has given us at Statesville. The writer preached the first week and my father preached the last two weeks. Thirty-two were saved, sixteen sanctified, seven filled with the Holy Ghost and three added to the church. This is the best revival we have ever had, the crowds were so large that we had to turn many away who could not find standing room. Brother G. C. Collins, my father, did some of the best preaching I have ever heard. Pray for us.—Ray Collins, pastor.

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LEXINGTON, Ky.—We have just closed a four weeks' revival at Paris, Ky., with great success. We had been having prayer meetings in the homes all winter but the Lord blessed us with a nice hall and we started a revival. Oh, how God did bless. The house was filled every night and the altar was filled with old and young. Twelve were wonderfully saved, five sanctified, one baptized with the Holy Ghost and six added to the church. The writer conducted the meeting. One brother from another church got interested in the meeting and gave \$35.00 in offerings and paid \$40.00 tithes.—Harrison Hornsby, pastor, 1396 Cherry Ave.

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DARLOVE, Miss.—We praise the Lord for the revival just closed. Sister J. W. Busby did the preaching. The Lord wonderfully blessed in this revival. Sister Busby was called to preach about eight months ago. If your soul is hungry just get her to run you a revival. Her address is Sarepta, Miss.—L. A. Harville.

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ROANOKE RAPIDS, N. C. — We praise our Savior for the wonderful revival we had here which came to a close March 13 conducted by Brother Edward Salter and wife. Several were saved, nine sanctified, four filled with the Holy Ghost and two added to the church. The saints were greatly encouraged. Brother Salter is a wonderful preacher and believes in letting the Lord have His way. May the Lord bless him and his family richly. Continue to pray for the church here.—Clara Hagewood, 904 Rapids St.

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CHARLESTON, S. C.—We have victory in Charleston, S. C. We have just closed a revival conducted by Brother John L. Yates. The LeFevre trio was at its best in singing throughout the revival. Forty-six were converted, forty-two sanctified, twenty-four filled with

the Holy Ghost and sixteen added to the church. Our church will seat seven hundred and it was filled several times. Eternity alone can tell the good that was accomplished.—P. W. White, pastor.

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HUNTINGTON, W. Va.—We have just closed a good spiritual revival which began March 9, with the pastor, Brother M. M. Mortenson, in charge. The services were well attended and many souls were at the altar nightly seeking God. Brother George W. Grubbs of South Height, Pa. paid the church a visit during the meeting and gave several sermons that richly blessed the souls of those who heard him. His daughter, who resides in Huntington, received the Holy Ghost on the last night of his stay here, which caused great rejoicing. The meeting was responsible for ten souls uniting with the church here, for which we thank and praise God. We covet an interest in your prayers.—L. C. Davis, clerk, 1229 26th St.

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OKEEFEE, W. Va. — The Devon Church of God has just closed a five weeks' revival in which the Lord blessed wonderfully. Eleven were saved, ten sanctified, ten filled with the Holy Ghost and eleven baptized in water. Sister Rosa Lee Barr, whom everyone loved, did the preaching. We are proud of Sister Barr. She stood for the Church of God one hundred per cent. This revival was the most wonderful ever held at Devon which is a hard place to preach.—John Huff, clerk.

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GREER, S. C.—We just closed a wonderful three weeks' revival here last night. We lost account of the exact number saved but near sixty, and about fifty-five were sanctified, nineteen filled with the Holy Ghost and twenty-seven added to the church. Brother Linwood Jacobs of Rock Hill, S. C. preached one week for us and we did the rest ourselves. Please remember us in prayer.—W. D. Childers, Box 242.

BRIEF REPORTS

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will come over to see about you. Fast and pray. Let's get stirred right here in our home state. It is sad how people are turning away from God. Pray for us here, this is a new field. We don't have a membership here but we are going over the top for Jesus believing we will.—Mrs. A. H. Wallace.

To be everywhere and everything in sympathy, and yet content to remain where and what you are—is not this to know both wisdom and virtue and to dwell with happiness?—R. L. Stevenson.

Requests

Please pray for my brother that he will receive the Holy Ghost. Pray that I will live humble and grow stronger in His power. If anyone feels led, please write my brother a few encouraging words. His address is Johnie Corley, 1309 Lilac St., Youngstown, Ohio.—A sister, Mamie Lou Lovett, Rt. 1, Midland City, Ala.

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Pray that my son will do the Lord's will. Also pray for my oldest son, his health is very poor. If he doesn't get better the doctor said he would have to have an operation for gallstones and some other things. Pray that God will save his soul and heal his body, if it His will. Also pray for God to heal his wife of a side trouble. They are in real need of prayer. I am not able to go to see them but thank God I can ask Him to stand by them and ask you Christians to pray for them. Brother Rouse, please pray for them. Also pray for me and my family. My son's address is Arthur Corley, 1309 Lilac St., Youngstown, Ohio. Write him if you feel led.—Mrs. N. A. Corley, Rt. 1, Midland City, Ala.

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I requested prayer through the Evangel a few weeks ago and the Lord healed me. Now I have a friend who needs prayer. She is in a very bad condition and may have to go to the hospital. Please pray for the Lord to undertake. She is a member of the Church of God. Her address is Sister Zelma Rosberry, Forsyth, Ga. Pray that a Church of God will be set in order here in the near future.—Mrs. Ola Amerson, Forsyth, Ga.

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Dear saints, we can tell some change in my son-in-law for the better and want you to continue to pray for a bigger change.—Mrs. Minnie Shipes, Screven, Ga.

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Dear saints, about three weeks ago I had a light stroke but am feeling a little better now. I know the Lord is able to heal. Please pray for me that God will heal me. Brother Rouse, please pray a special prayer that I will get saved and healed.—Yours truly, Marion White, Dade City, Fla., Rt. 1, Box 136.

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Please pray a special prayer for me to be completely healed of sinus trouble and enlarged adenoids caused from the sinus trouble. Also pray for my nerves and back. I hurt my back over four months ago and it is giving me lots of trouble. Pray much for me. — Mrs. Zyepher Davis, Troy, Tenn.

Pray that the Lord will make a way for me to attend Bible Training School next term.—Miss Lorene Newbaker, Sartia, Miss.

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Please pray for a sister in Christ who has severe sores on her ankles. She is trusting the Lord. — A friend, Rosa Wells, 1624 Parson Ave., E. St. Louis, Ill.

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Please pray that God will heal my body. I am a young boy and have been sick a long time. I am not saved but I know holiness is right and I know the Lord can heal. Pray that He will undertake in some way.—A friend, Denis Hamilton, Prichard, Ala.

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Please pray for Marshal Channan and his baby and for Sister Ethel Butt's little baby. Brother Rouse, please pray for them.—O. A. Stewart, pastor, Equality, Ill.

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Please pray a special prayer for some requests. Also pray that we will stay in God's service and pray for these good people, both saints and sinners with whom we are working.—Mrs. Edd Cox, Lisle, Ky.

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Please pray at once for Sister H. L. Lee, our pastor's wife at Juniper, Ga. Unless God undertakes she will soon be in glorv. Also please pray for me, the enemy tries me in so many ways I can hardly overcome at times. Pray for the healing of my body. Brother Rouse, please pray for me and that my faith might be sufficient to trust Him with my body.—Mrs. B. F. Youngblood, Juniper, Ga.

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Please pray for my sister, Mrs. Edna Canterbury, she has leakage of the heart. I'm afraid if God doesn't undertake she won't live long. Also pray for her husband, he has high blood pressure. She is in the Logan hospital. Brother Rouse, please pray for them. Also pray for me and my companion that God will heal our bodies. Pray that we will hold on to God. We live away from church and have grown cold. Pray that God will restore us and we will be happy like we once were. Pray that He will provide a way for us to go to church and Sunday School.—Mrs. Minnie Adkins, Henlawson, W. Va.

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Dear saints, I request prayer for the healing of my body. I got a severe bump in an automobile accident over a year ago and my head has given me trouble ever since, but I am looking to Jesus and trusting Him for I know He is able.—Your brother, A. L. Smith, Manns Choice, Pa.

Please pray for Brother Carl G. Carder's wife of Urbana, Ill. who has been seriously ill for some time.—Editor.

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Please pray for my home, we need prayer. My husband is not able to work and is lost. Please pray for God to heal him and save him.—Mollie Nafans, Ware Shoals, S. C.

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Please pray a special prayer for me, I'm in so much trouble. God knows all about my trials. I believe in praying for one another and when we are going through a trial is when we need help, so please pray a special prayer for me.—Mrs. Gladys Roberson, Odum, Ga.

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Dear saints, will you please pray for me? I am afflicted and cannot walk without help. Please get on your knees right when you read this and pray for this is urgent. Only God knows what I suffer at times. Please ask Him if it is His will to heal me. If you feel led to fast for my healing, I will appreciate it very much.—Nora Bolin, Blacksburg, S. C.

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Please pray for us here at Booneville, Miss. that God will bless us with a wonderful soul-saving revival. Pray for God's will to be done. I also have two unspoken requests. Pray earnestly for these.—Mrs. J. W. Skelton, Rt. 4, Booneville, Miss.

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Please have special prayer for my body.—Mrs. C. W. Kerce, Clewiston, Fla.

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I am having a hard time living a Christian life. I live about ten miles from the Church of God and have no way to go. Please remember me and my family in your prayers.—Bethel Maynard, Baxter, Tenn., Rt. 1.

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Please pray that the Lord will heal my gums and side. Pray for my children out in sin that the Lord will save them. Pray for my mother that she might hunger for the Holy Ghost. Also pray for the church and Sunday School here in Edgefield that the Lord might rebuke the opposing power and have His own way. Pray for me financially too and that I might get work. Pray that I will be more humble.—A sister in Christ. Bessie Cato, Edgefield, S. C.

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Dear saints, please pray for me that I might be healed. Brother Rouse, please pray for me, or if anyone feels led, please send me an anointed handkerchief. Please fast and pray if you feel led. Pray earnestly for the Lord's will to be done.—Jessie Mae Shook, Wolf Mountain, N. C.

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Please pray for the work at this place.

We are in a revival with Brother Julius Williamson doing the preaching. Please pray for the revival.—Columbus F. Barrett, Selma, Ala.

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Dear people, I feel the call of God. I know He has some special work for me to do. Pray that He will reveal it to me. I know there is plenty to do. Pray for God to give me stronger light and for Him to open up my understanding. Remember me and mine in your prayers.—A humble brother, Hays M. Long, Iron City, Ga.

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Please pray for me that I might overcome and be ready when Jesus comes. Pray for my husband that he might be saved. I also have an unspoken request.—Arlene Williams, Cosby, Tenn.

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Please pray for me and my unsaved boy that God will save his soul and give him the full blessing. Pray that I will stay humble and true. I never get to go to church and have no one to help me live for my Lord but have the Evangel every week, and what joy it is to me. Pray that the Lord will give me a home of prayer. I am seventy-one years of age.—Ellen Stevenson, Rt. 5, Philadelphia, Miss.

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Please pray for little Joe Anderson to be healed of a broken leg.—Mrs. Leona Anderson, Hattiesburg, Miss., Rt. 2.

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Please have special prayer for one who has for sometime had stomach trouble. This person vomits nearly all the food that is taken in the stomach and has become very discouraged. Please hold on to God in his behalf.—Mrs. C. F. Grant, Spartanburg, S. C.

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Dear saints, I am very, very sick and need you to pray for me as never before. I am in pain now. Every child of God please stop right now and offer up a prayer for me. The Lord can heal.—A minister in the gospel, Solomon Macky, Jensen, Fla.

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Dear saints, please pray for me that I will be healed. The doctors said they could do nothing for me. He has been my healer for twenty-three years and I am still serving and trusting Him. Also help me pray for my unsaved children and especially pray for my husband who has had the Holy Ghost and has gone back in sin. He is not well, has been sick ever since he went back in sin. Please pray for the Lord to bring him back and heal his body. Also pray for me.—A sister, Mae McCurry, Warrior, Ala.

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Sister Paul and I are in a revival at Wilbur, W. Va. in a Christian Baptist

Church of God and the pastor of that church was at the altar last night for the Holy Ghost. Please pray for God to give us a Church of God there. Also pray much for us.—A sister in Christ, Rinda Ramey, Wilbur, W. Va.

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Dear saints, please pray for me to be healed of high blood pressure.—Mrs. Nancy Brown, Rt. 1, Box 70, Wausau, Fla.

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Please pray for my father who has asthma, also a bad stomach trouble. Pray that he will receive the Holy Ghost, and pray that a Church of God will be established here as I am the only Church of God member here.—Your brother, Ben Corbit, Rt. 1, Judsonia, Ark.

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Please pray earnestly for the healing of my body, and pray for my husband to be healed of catarrh of the head. Pray for the church here at Velvet Ridge to rise and shine for Jesus.—Mrs. Allene Hearymon, Bald Knob, Ark., Rt. 1.

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Dear saints, I have a niece who is very low with cancer and requests special prayer for her healing. If you wish to write her, her address is Mrs. Bular Herring, S. Winona, Miss. Also pray for me that I will stay close to the Lord.—Omar Chesteen, Stewart, Miss.

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Please pray for the healing of my body. I have stomach trouble and rheumatism. I live about ten miles from any of the saints and you know how the devil works. I trusted the Lord eleven years and want to continue to trust Him. Pray for my faith to be increased. Pray for our church.—Mrs. J. L. Cockrell, R. F. D. 1, Weathersby, Miss.

Hattiesburg, Miss. District Convention

Hattiesburg district has just concluded one of the best conventions ever had in the history of the district. God set His seal of approval on the convention in the first service and a sweet spirit prevailed throughout the entire convention.

The convention began Friday night, March 18, with the state overseer, Brother T. W. Godwin, in charge. We were delighted to have the Blackwood quartet with us and they were at their best. We enjoyed Sister Mooneyham's message to the Ladies' Willing Workers Band. Short talks were made by the W. B. presidents who were present. Brother Horace Taylor's message which followed was good.

Saturday afternoon service was devoted to asking and answering questions. Saturday night Brother Doyle Blackwood

was in charge of the Y. P. E. program. Brother Godwin's message was the climax; how God did bless words can never express.

Sunday morning service was devoted to the interest of Sunday School. Brother Prince's message on same was splendid and Brother Horace Taylor's message made us want to move up. Our state overseer delivered a message which will linger in our memories. My! what a sweet feeling and how God did bless in giving us a mission offering of \$60.50, which more than doubled last year's mission offering.—Horatio Mitchell, Poplarville, Miss.

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How Shall We Escape?

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Solomon says, Cant. 2:15, "Take us the foxes, the little foxes, that spoil the vines: for our vines have tender grapes."

Little sins will keep you out of the rapture just as much as big ones. God is God regardless of what we think of Him and if we will trust Him He will never fail us. Many professors of holiness today have never paid in a dime of tithes, nor very much as offerings, but are ready to take a part in the conference, then maybe not be back in three months.

I term neglect as an act of disobedience and such parties, I fear, will be standing idle in the market place when the Lord appears. God help us to be doers of the Word and not hearers only. Obedience will bring victory, then why can't we obey the truth? and the truth shall make us free.

Jesus said, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me." Let us deny ourselves and herald this gospel to the lost world. It was said to John in Rev. 10:9, "Take it, and eat it up." neglect none of it, eat all of it, the bitter and sweet together, and at the end of this race we can shout all over heaven; if we fail we shall come short of the glory of God.

David said in Psa. 37:37, "Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright: for the end of that man is peace." If we put into practice the whole Bible, we are at peace with God. If we fail or neglect a part of it, then that weight is hanging on and we can not run the race successfully. Let's shake off every thing that's unlike God and get down to business with God. God didn't give us so great salvation to play with but to live and keep us happy. Bless His name! Watch and pray always that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.

MISSION PAGE

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are astounding the archaeologists, who are puzzled about this vanquished civilization with its lost arts. They even had a league of nations similar to the one we have today, but it failed to work, for lack of brotherly co-operation, and consideration of each other's rights. The Almighty finally took a hand, by sending earthquakes, hurricanes, volcanic eruptions, etc. Disease epidemics swept the country, wars followed, with famine prevailing in a measure, bringing the great Indian "League of Mayapan" to a swift conclusion. Our own civilization has reached this same crisis, and the fact cannot be denied, only a wholesale coming back to God will save us from the same fate. Thank God! Guatemala is responding to the gospel message of the hour, and this is the only remedy for the ills of today.

HAWAII

We told you last year of the opening for the Church of God in Hawaii. Well, the Lord sent along Brother Fred Litton and wife of Los Angeles, California, and at this writing they are engaged in the task of giving this latter-day full-gospel message to these great people, and reports show they are enjoying wonderful success. We believe that these consecrated workers will be able to launch a good work in these Islands. Since I left on this tour, another able couple came to my home in California, inquiring about our mission to the world, as they too, desired to look into the matter. It may be said, as in the days of the apostles, "Behold the world is gone after him—Christ—and these that have turned the world upside down have come hither also." The whole world, generally speaking, is "topsy-turvy" or upside down, having lost its balance, and needs upsetting to put it right again. Only God can do this, and the knowledge of these facts are brought to the attention of those so affected, through the ministry of Holy-Ghost-filled men and women, sent on this mission. "How shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things." Rom. 10:14-15. I am referring the missionaries in question to Brother Litton in Honolulu.

NOTICES

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district. The Stonefield district convention will convene at Friendship church, April 22-24, inc. This church is located about eight miles northeast of Charleston, Miss. We invite all to be with us. Please,

pastors and coworkers, let's put our program before the convention in such a manner as will be gratifying to our hearts and inspiring to the hearts of others, and to do this we feel it is necessary to comply with every requirement that is placed upon us. Come on, pastors and laity of Stonefield, Shady Grove, Crowder, Henchcliff, Friendship, Allens Chapel and Flag Lake churches, with our aged ministers' fund and mission quota, in fact, all of our financial obligations. And let's don't forget to prepare ourselves for the mission offering for Sunday morning. All joining districts and whosoever will are cordially invited to come and be with us. We are expecting the Blackwood quartet to be with us. Bring your lunch Sunday. The convention will be in charge of our state overseer, Brother T. W. Godwin.—G. G. Prince, district overseer, Hclcomb, Miss.

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A revival will begin here at Bethel Church of God April 4 with Brother J. L. Ball doing the preaching. Everybody is welcome. We're expecting great things so pray for us.—W. W. Ball, pastor, Lake Park, Ga.

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There will be a home coming at the Warrenton, N. C. Church of God the first Sunday in May. Everybody is invited. Come and bring a basketful of eats and let's enjoy the Lord's blessings.—E. E. Hurst, pastor, Warrenton, N. C.

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The Jesup, Ga. district convention will convene at Piney Grove church six miles north of Odum, Ga. April 8-10. Brother J. C. Jernigan, our state overseer, will be in charge. Come on, pastors and churches, bring with you a well-filled basket as we will have dinner at the church on Sunday. Also be sure to bring a nice offering for missions. We hope to meet all the ministers on the district there, also the neighboring churches all have a welcome to come and be with us.—Gary Jackson, pastor; C. A. Culpeper, district pastor, Baxley, Ga.

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The E. St. Louis, Ill. district convention will convene at the Church of God, 1716 Lincoln Ave., E. St. Louis, May 6-8. We are looking for a real feast, so come and be with us and we will do thee good. Our state overseer, Brother J. R. Thomas, will be with us, also Brother H. L. Marcum, state overseer of Missouri.—Your brother, G. W. Messer, district overseer, 1713 Gross Ave., E. St. Louis, Ill.

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The Joseph Chapel, Miss. district convention will convene at Greenville, Miss. April 15-17. This notice was published in the March 26 issue but as the date was not given us we could not publish it.

We are looking forward to a great revival, so please pray that souls will be saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. Pray for me that I will do what the Lord wants me to do.—Viola Kimbrough, Jefferson City, Tenn.

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Our tent meeting started in Swainsboro, Ga. March 28. Pray for this revival that souls will be saved. The pastor, Brother J. A. Hipps, is in charge. This tent is located at 834 Jerome St. Pray that the meeting will be a success.—Mrs. J. A. Hipps, Cobbtown, Ga.

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To whom it may concern: The Church of God is starting a new work at 8406 W. Figueroa St., Los Angeles, Calif., Thos. P. Robertson in charge. Sister Goldie Banks and Sister Diffenderfer are starting a new work in Oakland, Calif., 793 22nd St. Brother A. L. Hinman, Rt. 1, Box 8, Tulare, Calif. is pastor of the new church we set in order there. We have some good evangelists in California who are open for meetings. Any church in need of a revival please write me.—John E. Douglas, state overseer, Box 404, Huntington Beach, Calif.

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I am ready to do evangelistic work. I play the guitar and preach Church of God doctrine and am agreeable. I stay in my place. Any one desiring my work write me at Harlan, Ky.—L. D. Marlar.

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This is to notify all churches in Kansas that Brother Everett Mitchell and his wife are doing evangelistic work in Kansas and are doing good work. They are both good preachers and stand four-square for the Church of God. They will prove a blessing to any church or community. If you want them for a revival, you can get in touch with them by writing them here at my address, 1406 Elm St., Coffeyville, Kans.—J. T. Campbell, state overseer.

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We, of Findlay, are very proud of our new church building that has just been completed, which we believe to be one of the nicest and most modern in the state (not modernistic in spirit).

We are having an all-day service Easter Sunday dedicating our new building in the afternoon with Brother John L. Stephens in charge of all services including our revival beginning Sunday night, April 17. We covet your prayers.—W. H. Barnard, pastor, Findlay, Ohio.

It is from out of the depths of our humility that the height of our destiny looks grandest. Let me truly feel that in myself I am nothing, and at once, through every inlet of my soul, God comes in, and is everything in me.—W. Mountford.

McDowell Dist. Convention

The McDowell district convention convened at Wilcoe, W. Va., March 11-13, inclusive. Such a wonderful convention! We enjoyed the presence of the Trinity from the very first until the final amen. We are made to rejoice now as we think of the convention. How we praise Him for His wonderful power. The Eckman String Band and others rendered special music and singing throughout the convention.

Messages were delivered by Brothers O. W. Thomas, E. R. Clower, A. T. Little, M. E. Parks, our state overseer, Brother E. C. Clark, and G. G. Williams.

An hour Sunday morning was devoted to the Ladies' Willing Workers Band. Brother Clark gave a very instructive message to the ministers and laity, and an offering was taken for the camp ground. A mission offering was taken in the afternoon and a pledge of \$5.00 monthly was given for the support of a missionary to China. The call of churches was made and the reports were fine. We have two new churches this year. We can truly say this was one of the greatest conventions McDowell district ever had.—Pearl Johnson, clerk of convention.

REVIVALS

SWITZER, W. Va.—We thank God for the good revival just closed here conducted by Sister Jessie Rose, pastor of Barnabus church. There were 28 saved, 29 sanctified and 11 filled with the Holy Ghost. We had a wonderful baptismal service at the close of the revival; 19 were baptized and 19 came into the church, for which we praise the Lord. We also thank God for Sister Rose and her companion. I highly recommend her to anyone needing a revival. Her address is Switzer, W. Va. Please pray for the church here that we will go over the top for Jesus.—James E. Green, pastor.

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ODUM, Ga.—We just closed a successful revival at Clarks Chapel church, two and one-half miles west of Screven, Ga. It was hard to start with but one night when the writer closed his sermon and gave the altar call there were some who came weeping and praying then we were encouraged to press on. There were 22 saved, 17 sanctified, 12 filled with the Holy Ghost, 22 added to the church and 14 baptized in water. There is a good band of young folks. We are going to organize a Sunday School just as soon as we get our new building. Pray for our young people and that God will continue to bless here. The meeting closed with all-day service and dinner on the ground. Brothers J. B. Connor, A. G. Carroll

and Sister Myrtle Joyner did the preaching.—A. G. Carroll.

TESTIMONIES

S. PITTSBURG, Tenn.—I praise the Lord for His goodness and mercy to me. I often wonder how people can go on through life without Him. I am glad I found Him when I was young in years. I have had so many burdens to bear and trials to go through at times, it seemed as though I couldn't go any farther, and then when I would steal away and tell Jesus about it I could hear Him say, "I will never leave you nor forsake you," then the burden would roll away.

There is no Church of God at this place and I get so hungry to hear the full gospel. I take the Evangel almost all the time; it means so much to me. I am a widow and not able to work but I always try to save up a dollar to get the paper during the Assembly, but the last time the Lord changed my mind and this is how He changed it. When the mission offering was being taken a voice spoke to me and said, "I'll supply your needs. Though your children are not saved, they have heard the gospel." I said, "Yes, Lord, I know they are not saved but have heard the gospel and maybe this dollar will help to carry it to some poor lost soul in a distant land that will be glad to accept it." Dear saints, pray that my children will all be saved and that I will do the Lord's will.—Beulah Erwin, 732 Railroad Ave.

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I Am Healed

I want the whole world to know that Jesus is healing all manner of diseases. My husband had four doctors with me. They wanted me to take radium treatment. I went to Jesus and then got a taxi and went down to the Church of God at Paris, Texas, and did as James 5:14, 15 tells us.

Eight weeks ago He healed me of cancer of the stomach. I want all the good doctors and nurses to know I am healed. I am doing my work, washing, ironing and working in the garden. Praise the dear Lord!

I thank all the folks at the Lamar County Hospital for their kindness to me while I was there. I can't praise Him enough, He is so good to me. I am saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. I have sweet peace with Jesus. The doctor told my son he didn't believe I was healed. I promised the Lord I would tell them. I went back to the hospital and told them. Some believed it, some didn't. The doctor had told me that there was only one chance for me and that was the radium treatment, but all the time I was leaning on Jesus. I went to the operating table twice but

never used medicine in any way. I wasn't put to sleep but talked in tongues as the Spirit gave utterance. Some of the sick ones thought I was put to sleep. My good husband and three children wanted me to have something done. After they found out what was the matter they were willing for me to go to God. He has healed me so many times.

Pray for my husband that he will be saved before it is too late.—Mrs. Joe Chitwood, Rt. 2, Brookston, Texas.

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First, we feel that we should say "Hurrah for Alabama!" She has almost doubled her subscription list during the past three months. That's fine work, Alabama, and we certainly appreciate it. Think what our list would show if every state had done that well. Wouldn't that be wonderful! And South Carolina has made a nice increase too. They are working faithfully also and we appreciate what they are doing. In fact, we appreciate the increase every state has made. Of course, most of the Evangels going to the states where the work is small, are going in rolls, and even Tennessee is taking almost half of hers in rolls. We thank each one for the efforts they put forth to get the paper to the people, whether in rolls or regular subscriptions. We promised to count rolls as subscriptions only when paid for in advance as subscriptions are.

Listen, states, we want Alabama to keep working but don't let her outstrip all of you. See how you can increase during the next quarter. Watch for the report along the first of July.

	Sub- scriptions	In- crease	De- crease	No. in Rolls	In- crease	De- crease
Alabama	724	358		77		70
Florida	673	60		81	24	
North Carolina	670	32		219	93	
South Carolina	626	118		32	10	
Georgia	477		25	60	60	
Kentucky	356	55		54		
Tennessee	323	28		268	38	
Mississippi	264	58		10	10	
Texas	256	13		63	14	
West Virginia	227		22	132		2
Ohio	156	2		44		
Missouri	142	6				
Arkansas	138	13				12
Illinois	131	15		68	20	
Virginia	126		13	32	10	
Pennsylvania	110			70	22	
Louisiana	102	12				
Oklahoma	102	9		37	12	
North Dakota	86		4	16	10	
Michigan	84		7	38		
South Dakota	75	6				
Maryland	63		4			
California	57		3			
New Mexico	51	10				10
Kansas	37	7				10
Indiana	35	2		45	25	
Montana	34		1			
Minnesota	28	2				
Arizona	27		1			
Maine	19		2	25	3	
Nebraska	14		7	10	10	
Idaho	13	2				
Wyoming	10	2				
Delaware	9		4	24	14	
Iowa	9		1			6
Oregon	9	2		10		

	Sub- scriptions	In- crease	De- crease	No. in Rolls	In- crease	De- crease
Washington	9		4	15	15	
Colorado	8		3	10	10	
New York	6		1	15	15	
Massachusetts	6	1		10	10	
New Hampshire	4	1				
Dist. of Columbia	3			10	10	
Wisconsin	3					
New Jersey	2		1			
Utah	2		1			
Connecticut	1					
Nevada	1					
Vermont	1					
Jamaica	26			52		
China	3			3		
Barbados				3		
Bahama Islands	39			12		
Cuba	1					
Bermuda	6					
Japan	3					
India	8					
Hawaii	2					
Haiti	5					
Egypt	1					
Canada	27					
S. Africa	1					
Jerusalem	1					
Wales	1					
Canal Zone	3					
Scotland	1					
South America	4					
Mexico	2					
Germany	1					
England	2					
Central America	2					
TOTAL	6,448			1,536		

How Will Your State be Standing in July?